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MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of Legislative Counsel

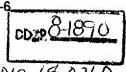
SUBJECT: Substitute Language for Section 7 of

S.1779

This Directorate concurs with the substitute language for Section 7 of S.1779. It is the opinion of this Directorate that Section 7 as now written could create problems and we therefore urge all possible effort to secure the benefit of the proposed substitute language.

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Executive Officer
Directorate of
Science and Technology



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REFERENCE:

Memo to DDI, DDS, DDP, DD/S&T, General

Counsel from Legislative Counsel, dated

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- l. I have reviewed the text of S. 1779, with particular emphasis on the language of Section 7, and I agree with and the Office of Security that the latter could present a serious problem for certain aspects of our operational activity. The draft revision of Section 7 attached to your memorandum represents an improvement, but I do not think that it solves the problem.
- 2. The best feature of the proposed substitute is the elimination of the word "request." On the other hand, it seems to me that the second clause of the substitute wording would readily be construed as a device providing a loophole for circumvention of the basic intent of the bill. I would suggest instead that the original wording of Section 7 be retained, with the sole excision of the word "request." Thus the language would remain in keeping with the title of Section 7 (Prohibition Against Requiring Intelligence Gathering), and in effect permitting voluntary action on the part of the grantee while protecting him from improper pressure.
- 3. I would suggest further that an effort be made to excise the final sentence of Section 4. (a). The latter is essentially redundant and in conflict with the voluntary aspect of Section 7. If taken literally, it might prohibit even unsolicited assistance of an intelligence nature to the United States on the part of a grantee.

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